



United States
Department of
Agriculture

Puerto Rico—Rural Housing Program

Community Building

USDA Funds Help Three Communities in Utuado With an Electronic Library

Outline of Need:

Jácanas, Cerro Gordo and Cuchillas Ward are rural and isolated communities. The lack of a library facility limited their students after school learning activities in these areas. As part of their community strategic plan they decided to establish an electronic library.

How Rural Development Helped:

USDA Rural Development provided a Economic Impact Initiative Grant of \$25,000 to acquire essential equipment for an electronic library . The equipment consisted of 10 computers, a printer, projector, table, computer work-stations and an air-condition unit.

The community provided \$8,484 of their funds to make improvement to the facility.



From left to right: Yolanda Méndez, President of the Community, José Otero-García, Puerto Rico State Director, Jorge López-Quinonez, Utuado Area Director, Pedro Matos Ripoll, Former President of the Community, Hon. Ernesto Irizarry Salvá, Mayor of Utuado and Hon. Ramón Nieves, Senator

Fast Facts

Economic Impact Initiative Grant

Investment: \$ 25,000.00

Partners: Comité para el Mejoramiento de las Comunidades de Jácanas, Cuchillas y Cerro Gordo, Inc.

Congressional District: 98

Demographics:

- Jácanas, Cuchillas and Cerro Gordo Ward in Utuado
- Population: 4,247(Census 2010)

Impact:

- 3 jobs retained

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The End Result:

The community and students of Jácanas, Cuchillas and Cerro Gordo Ward have now a modern Electronic Library. With this facility the educational offer has been extended for the students and general population, including the access to information contained in the web.

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